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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MARONITE INTEREST IN PROVIDING
- - - HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

1. PRIVATE LEBANESE-AMERICAN GROUP, NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES (NAM), HAS APPROACHED DEPT WITH REQUEST FOR ADVICE AND POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE PRIVATE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATION FOR LEBANON. NAM PRESIDENT, DR. ELIAS T. SAADI, APPARENTLY HAS BLESSING OF MARONITE BISHOP ZAYEK (U.S. DIOCESE) FOR THESE EFFORTS, WHICH TO DATE INVOLVE COLLECTING CLOTHING, FOOD AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT TO LEBANON. HE AND OTHER NAM ORGANIZERS APPEAR UNINFORMED AS TO ACTUAL LEBANESE NEEDS IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, AND WE HAVE UNDER-TAKEN TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT RE LEBANON'S CURRENT RELIEF NEEDS, AS WELL AS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SUPPLY CATEGORIES (E.G., CLOTHING, MONEY, MORE MEDICINES, ETC.) ON WHICH NAM COULD MOST USEFULLY CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS.
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(WE HAVE PROMISED TO RESPOND TO DR. SAADI BY COB FRIDAY,

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NOVEMBER 21). IN RELAYING SUCH ADVICE TO NAM, WE PLAN
TO PUT THEM IN TOUCH WITH AID DISASTER RELIEF OFFICIALS
FOR FURTHER ADVICE AS TO METHODS OF PURCHASE, COLLECTION

AND SHIPMENT. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO NAM OFFICIALS THAT
USG IS IN NO RPT NO POSITION TO ASSUME TRANSPORTATION
COSTS, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE BORNE BY NAM. THEY
APPARENTLY ARE NOT LOOKING TO US FOR ASSISTANCE IN
DISTRIBUTION, FOR WHICH THEY INTEND TO RELY ON MARONITE
INSTITUTIONS IN LEBANON. KISSINGER

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